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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 14</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1 - 14</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 14</u>	YES
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US, A, 5347811
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The cited documents represent the general state of the art.
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